



MONTANA SUPREME COURT

COURT HELP PROGRAM

What is the Court Help Program?

The Court Help Program is a free service provided by the Montana Supreme Court to assist people with civil, non-criminal legal problems. Our goal is to give you the information you need to understand your legal rights and responsibilities and to help you resolve your legal problems on your own if you cannot afford an attorney or if you choose not to hire one. While we cannot give you legal advice or represent you in court, we can provide you with legal information and direct you to resources that will help you help yourself.

What can we help you with?

The most common legal problems we assist with include Family Law (Divorces, Parenting Plans, Guardianships, Stepparent Adoptions, etc.), Landlord-Tenant Disputes (Evictions, Damage Deposits, Notices to Repair, etc.), Orders of Protection, Power of Attorney, Emancipations, Civil Suits, and Miscellaneous Civil Procedures. For a complete list of legal topics and forms available see the Montana State Law Library online:

<http://courts.mt.gov/library/topic/default.mcp.x>.

How do we work with you?

Come into your local SHLC office or call ahead for an appointment at a traveling location



Receive appropriate legal information and forms



Complete forms at home or in center with staff assistance



Return with completed forms to SHLC office for review and then file with court

Where can you find us?



Gold = Full Service Locations

Red = Services by appointment

Pink = Self Help Law Stations

FULL SERVICE SELF HELP LAW CENTER LOCATIONS:

Cascade County Self Help Law Center

Cascade County Courthouse, Suite 110
415 Second Avenue North, Great Falls, MT 59401
(406) 454-6713 and (406) 437-2034
cascadecountyselfhelp@gmail.com

Open Monday through Friday, 8:00a to 12:00p and 1:00p to 5:00 p

Cascade County SHLC provides mobile services to Glacier, Toole, Pondera, Teton, Hill, Phillips, and Valley counties. Call (406) 437-2034 for scheduling details.

Flathead County Self Help Law Center

Flathead County Justice Center
920 South Main, Kalispell, MT 59901
406-758-2496
flatheadcountyselfhelp@gmail.com

Open Monday through Thursday, 10:00a-12:00p and 1:00p-4:00p

Flathead County SHLC provides mobile services to Lincoln County. Call 406-758-2495 for scheduling details.

Gallatin County Self Help Law Center

Gallatin County Law and Justice Center
615 South 16th Avenue, Bozeman, MT 59715
406-582-2158
gallatincountyselfhelp@gmail.com

Open Monday and Wednesday, 8:00a-2:00p, and Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, 8:00a-12:00p

Gallatin County SHLC provides mobile services to Park County. Call 406-582-2158 for scheduling details.

Missoula Family Law Center

Missoula County Courthouse
200 West Broadway, Room 271, Missoula, MT 59802
406-258-3428
missoulaselfhelp@gmail.com

Open Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30a to 4:30p

Montana State Law Library Sponsored Center State Law Library Self Help Center

215 North Sanders, Helena, MT 59620
406-444-9300
statelawlibraryselfhelp@gmail.com

Open Monday through Thursday, 8:00a to 5:00p

State Law Library SHLC provides mobile services to Anaconda/Deer Lodge, Beaverhead, and Jefferson Counties. Call 406-444-9300 for scheduling details.

Yellowstone County Self Help Law Center

Parmly Library
510 North Broadway, 4th Floor, Billings, MT 59101
406-869-3531
yellowstonecountyselfhelp@gmail.com

Open Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:00a to 12:00p and 1:00p to 4:00p

SELF HELP LAW STATION LOCATIONS:

Self Help Law Stations (SHLS's) interact with regional Self Help Law Centers. SHLS's contain self representation forms along with directions to assist customers in obtaining the correct forms, review documents before filing, and answer questions. SHLS's are currently available at the following locations:

Dawson County Self Help Law Station

Across from the Clerk of District Court
Dawson County Courthouse
207 W. Bell Street, Glendive, MT 59330

Rosebud County Self Help Law Station

In the back room of the Rosebud County Law Library
Rosebud County Courthouse
1200 Main, Forsyth, MT 59327

Anaconda/Deer Lodge County Self Help Law Station

Anaconda/ Deer Lodge County Courthouse
800 South Main Street, Anaconda, MT 59711

Beaverhead County Self Help Law Station

Beaverhead County Courthouse
2 S. Pacific Street, Dillon, MT 59725

Madison County Self Help Law Station

Madison County Courthouse
110 W. Wallace, P.O. Box 185
Virginia City, MT 59755

Jefferson County Self Help Law Station

Jefferson County Courthouse
201 Centennial Street, P.O. Box H
Boulder, MT 59632

SELF HELP LAW CENTER TRAVELING LOCATIONS:

Self Help Law Center Traveling Locations are visited periodically by the staff of regional Self Help Law Centers. Contact the appropriate SHLC office using the numbers below to set up an appointment at an SHLC traveling location.

Anaconda/Deer Lodge County

Anaconda/Deer Lodge County
Courthouse
800 South Main.
Anaconda, MT 59711
Call 406-444-9300 for scheduling
details

Beaverhead County

Beaverhead County Courthouse
2 S. Pacific
Dillon, MT 59725
Call 406-444-9300 for scheduling
details

Glacier County

Glacier County Courthouse
512 East Main Street
Cut Bank, MT 59427
Call 406-437-2034 for scheduling
details

Hill County

Hill County Courthouse
315 4th Street
Havre, MT 59501
Call 406-437-2034 for scheduling
details

Jefferson County

Jefferson County Courthouse
201 Centennial
P.O. Box H
Boulder, MT 59632
Call 406-444-9300 for scheduling
details

Lincoln County

Lincoln County Courthouse
512 California Avenue
Libby, MT 59923
Call 406-758-2495 for scheduling
details

Park County

Park County Courthouse
414 E Callender Street
Livingston, MT 59047
Call 406-582-2158 for scheduling
details

Phillips County

Phillips County Courthouse
314 S 2nd Avenue West
Malta, MT 59538
Call 406-437-2034 for scheduling
details

Pondera County

Pondera County Courthouse
20 4th Avenue SW
Conrad, MT 59425
Call 406-437-2034 for scheduling
details

Teton County

Teton County Courthouse
101 Main Avenue South
Choteau, MT 59422
Call 406-437-2034 for scheduling
details

Toole County

Toole County Public Library
229 2nd Avenue South
Shelby, MT 59474
Call 406-437-2034 for scheduling
details

Valley County

Valley County Courthouse
501 Court Square
Glasgow, MT 59230
Call 406-437-2034 for scheduling
details

Court Help Law Program FAQs

Does the SHLC charge for services provided?

No. The SHLC does not charge for legal information services. Some centers might request a nominal fee to cover the cost of printing extensive legal form packets, but these fees are subject to customer circumstance and will not exceed \$10.00.

Are the SHLC staff attorneys?

No. SHLCs are staffed with employees and volunteers trained to assist you through the provision of legal information regarding your case. Interactions with SHLC staff do not establish an attorney-client relationship or any legally defined right-to-privacy on behalf of the customer.

Can the SHLC staff give me legal advice about my case?

No. SHLC staff can only provide legal *information*. Legal information differs from legal advice in that it applies generally to all cases of a similar nature as opposed to a specific case and does not involve the interpretation of specific laws, regulations, court procedures, or wordings. Only an attorney can legally provide you with legal *advice*.

Can the SHLC staff provide me with legal forms?

Yes. The SHLC staff can provide you with the necessary legal forms to file in your case if your case is not complicated to the point of requiring legal advice and/or legal representation. If an SHLC staff member determines that your case is too complicated for SHLC services, he or she will refer you to a legal aid service or suggest that you contact a private attorney.

Can the SHLC staff fill out forms for me?

No. SHLC staff can only fill out your forms if you have a disability that prevents you from filling them out yourself. If this is the case, SHLC staff can only fill out your forms using the information and wording you provide.

Can the SHLC staff provide me with a lawyer for my case?

No. SHLC staff can only refer you to a legal aid service or suggest that you contact a private attorney. SHLCs do not have referral relationships with individual private attorneys. For more information on consulting a private attorney, see the Montana State Bar link below.

Can the SHLC staff come with me to my court hearing?

No. SHLC staff can only provide you with informational resources about what to expect on your court date.

Can the SHLC staff file legal documents for me?

No. You are responsible for filing your documents with the appropriate clerk of court. SHLC staff can provide you with information about the filing process.

Can the SHLC staff assist me with filing for bankruptcy?

No. SHLC staff can only refer you to other resources for bankruptcy assistance. For more information on filing for bankruptcy, see the Montana Law Help and Montana Legal Services Association links below.

Useful Informational Links

Montana Judicial Branch Website

<http://courts.mt.gov>

Access to Montana State Law Library electronic resources, legal forms for self-represented litigants, Montana Supreme Court case listings, and the Montana Code Annotated

Montana Law Help

<http://www.montanalawhelp.org>

Access to legal forms for self-represented litigants, legal information for self-represented litigants, and LiveHelp resources

Montana Legal Services Association (MLSA)

<http://www.mtlsa.org>

Access to MLSA Application for Services, MLSA HelpLine, Pro Bono Volunteer Opportunities, and MontanaFreeFile information

Montana State Bar

<http://www.montanabar.org>

Access to Lawyer Referral Service, Montana Legal Resources, Attorney Complaint procedure, and other Montana State Bar resources

Child Support Enforcement Division

<http://www.dphhs.mt.gov/csed/index.shtml>

Access to Financial and Medical Support Order Establishment procedure, Paternity Establishment procedure, Enforcing and Modifying Child Support procedure, and other CSED resources

Montana Department of Justice

<https://doj.mt.gov>

Access to Consumer Protection Services, Victim Services, Montana Attorney General's Office & Legal Services, and other Montana Attorney General's Office resources

Montana Department of Labor & Industry

<http://dli.mt.gov>

Access to Montana Human Rights Bureau, Labor Standards Bureau, Safety & Health Bureau, Workers' Comp Claims Assistance Bureau, and other Montana Department of Labor resources

Program Administration

Program Administrator:

Erin Farris
Supreme Court Administrator's Office
301 S Park Ave
Helena, MT 59620
406-841-2950

Please note: The program administrator does not provide direct self-help services.